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ECONOMIC

SOVIET FIRM CONTRACTS FOR LARGE NUMBER OF GREEK-OWNED TANKERS -- Athens, I Avg1, 25 Jun 60

Some 80-120 tankers will be needed to transport the 2 million tons of petroleum products contracted for by the Sovfrakht Company of Piraeus with Greek shipowners. According to a Tass announcement, the contract was signed on 21 June 1960 and calls for transporting the petroleum products from Black Sea ports to Italy, Continental Europe, England, the Scandinavian countries, and Japan. The transport is to begin in August 1960 and run until the end of 1963; terms are advantageous to both the shipowners and the Soviet contractors.

GEOLOGISTS FIND INDICATIONS OF GAS IN LATVIA -- Riga, Sovetskaya Latvija, 22 May 60

One of three geological crews searching for oil and gas in the western part of Latvia in the Baltic Sea region has found indications of gas in the Cambrian sediments near the village of Piltene, northwest of Kuldiga. This crew has already drilled 1,154 meters.

A second crew, which is drilling in this general area of the Baltic Sea region in which the deep-lying Cambrian, Ordovician, and Silurian sediments are believed to contain oil and gas pools, has already drilled more than 700 meters but has not yet penetrated through the Devonian rock. The third crew is drilling near Ezere, south of Saldus.

[Comment: This is the first indication noted by FDD of wildcat operations or the presence of gas in Latvia.]

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POLITICAL

JAPANESE COMMUNISTS URGED TO READ CHINESE COMMUNIST THESES -- Tokyo, Akahata, 8 Jun 60

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The full text of an article entitled "Long Live Leninism" which was published in the Chinese Communist theoretical journal Hung-ch'i, No 8, 16 April 1960, appeared in the Japan Communist Party Central Committee semimonthly organ Sekai Seiji Shiryo of 5 June 1960. The Hung-ch'i thesis gives a thorough interpretation of the real nature of imperialism. This thesis is being widely studied in China, both inside and outside the party; consequently, it is essential that we study it carefully.

Other Chinese Communist articles appearing in the same issue of Sekai Seiji Shiryo are Lu Ting-i's 22 April 1960 speech titled "Get United Under Lenin's Revolutionary Banner," from the 23 April issue of the Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao; and "Forward Along the Path of the Great Lenin," from the 22 April issue of the same Peiping daily.

[Comment: Indications are that the Chinese Communist Theoretical approach to world problems is being energetically promoted by the Japanese Communists. The Hung-ch'i thesis appears in full in the Tokyo monthly Zenei for July 1960 and in the above-mentioned Sekai Seiji Shiryo.]

MILITARY

EAST GERMAN ALERT POLICE CHEMICAL UNITS RECEIVE TRAINING -- Berlin, Der Kampftruf, 16 Jun 60

CPYRGHT

A successful competition, was held between two Alert Police chemical platoons; the men were timed while they put on their gas masks, changed the filters and hoses on their masks, and put on protective suits.

[Comment: Item is accompanied by a photograph showing two men wearing gas masks and protective suits. The basic mission of the Alert Police forces, who maintain close liaison with the civil police, is to detect and suppress antiregime activity.]

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SOCIOLOGICAL

HUNGARIANS INCLUDE POLYTECHNIC SUBJECTS IN EXAMINATION SYSTEM -- Budapest, Nepszabadsag, 9 Jun 60

CPYRGHT

In the school year which is now closing, about 135,000 students throughout Hungary participated in polytechnic instruction or in practical training. The number participating in polytechnic instruction in general schools approached 115,000, and more than 20,000 gymnasium students learned the most important practical fundamentals of industry or agriculture in the five-plus-one instruction system [5 days in school and one in a factory or farm]. This year, for the first time, the gymnasium students will be examined under this new system. The examinations, which have begun throughout the country, consist of a theoretical and a practical part; the examination results will be considered in classifying the students.

HUNGARIAN COMMENT ON PASTERNAK DEATH MENTIONS NOBEL PRIZE -- Budapest, Elet es Irodalom, 3 Jun 60

CPYRGHT

Boris Pasternak, the well-known Soviet writer and translator, died on 31 May 1960 at the age of 70 after a long illness.... People in the West tried to make anti-Soviet political capital out of the circumstances of his being awarded the Nobel Prize in 1959.

[Comment: The above are the first and last sentences from a long review of Pasternak's career as a "microrealist" poet and as a translator of Shakespeare and Petofi (patriot-poet of Hungary) which appeared in the Hungarian Writers Federation weekly the day after a one-sentence notice of Pasternak's death appeared in the Budapest party daily Nepszabadsag. In Eastern Europe only Hungary, Poland, and Yugoslavia published extensive comment on Pasternak's death.]

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